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SUBJECT: INDONESIAN RELATIONS WITH KOREA

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1. IN A JOINT COMMUNIQUE ISSUED BY MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS SEPTEMBER 18 INDONESIA AND REPUBLIC OF KOREA AGREED TO RAISE THEIR RELATIONS TO AMBASSADORIAL LEVEL. COMMUNIQUE STATED INTER ALIA THAT ESTABLISHMENT OF AMBASSADORIAL-LEVEL RELATIONS WOULD "DOUBTLESSLY HELP TOWARD REDUCING TENSION IN AND AROUND THE KOREAN PENINSULA"; "GREATLY AID THE ENDEAVORS OF THE KOREAN PEOPLE TO ACHIEVE PEACEFUL UNIFICATION OF THEIR COUNTRY"; AND "GREATLY CONTRIBUTE TO CLOSER COOPERATION IN THE REGION THE TWO COUNTRIES BELONG TO."

2. DURING CALL ON FOREIGN MINISTER MALIK SEPTEMBER 19 I NOTED AGREEMENT TO RAISE LEVEL OF RELATIONS AND STATED I ASSUMED THAT MALIK HAD PERSUADED PRESIDENT SUHARTO TO DO THIS WHEN HE SAW HIM RECENTLY (REFTEL). MALIK SAID HE HAD TOLD SUHARTO HE COULD NOT GO TO UNGA AND DEAL WITH RESOLUTION (HE SAID HE HAD COPY OF DRAFT TO BE PRESENTED BY SOUTH KOREA'S FRIENDS) WITHOUT THIS  
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LONG-AWAITED ADJUSTMENT IN INDONESIAN-ROK RELATIONS.

3. MALIK SAID IT APPEARED SOMEONE HAD BEEN HOLDING OUT HOPE TO SUHARTO OF MORE TRADE BETWEEN NORTH KOREA AND INDONESIA AND THIS HAD CAUSED SUHARTO TO HESITATE. MALIK SAID HE HAD INSISTED THAT INDONESIA GO AHEAD.

4. I ASKED MALIK IF SUHARTO WAS GOING TO SEND LETTER TO NORTH KOREAN PRESIDENT THAT MALIK HAD MENTIONED TO ME WHEN I HAD SEEN HIM PREVIOUSLY (REFTEL). MALIK SAID LETTER WOULD BE SENT AS ROUTINE DIPLOMATIC NOTE AND THAT SUHARTO HAD DROPPED IDEA OF MALIK DELIVERING IT IN PERSON. "WE ARE NOT A COMMUNIST COUNTRY," MALIK ADDED. GALBRAITH

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